

### BARQUE BLOWS UP; 12 DEAD

#### VESSEL ENVELOPED IN FLAMES AFTER EXPLOSION

#### Disaster in Marseilles Harbor—Mutilated Bodies Are Recovered.

Marseilles, April 1.—The French tank barque Jules Henry, Captain Escoffier, in the oil trade between Philadelphia and Cotte, blew up this morning, and was practically totally wrecked. Twelve members of her crew were killed and many were wounded. The barque arrived at Cotte on March 22nd from Philadelphia.

Representative of the Veritas agency accompanied by the second officer, was inspecting the vessel at the time she blew up. In the course of their work the two men entered the tank hold. Immediately after there was a tremendous explosion. The entire deck of the barque was lifted and the forward portion of the ship was wrecked off.

Twenty men of the crew were at work painting and repairing. They were all blown into the air. Great sheets of fire shot up from the vessel, and in a few seconds she was enveloped in flames.

Prompt aid came from neighboring ships in the harbor, but it was impossible for the sailboats to get close to the burning vessel. Six burned and mutilated bodies have been recovered from the floating wreckage. A number of wounded men also have been brought ashore. Others still are missing and are believed to have perished.

The Jules Henry discharged her cargo at Cotte and arrived here on March 27th, with her tank empty for inspection. It is presumed that the oil fumes in the tank exploded.

Victims All Frenchmen. Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—The crew of the French tank barque Jules Henry, which blew up this morning at Marseilles, are all Frenchmen. Nothing is known here concerning the crew, but shipping men say that as a rule foreign vessels in the oil trade carry crews of mixed nationalities.

The Jules Henry sailed from here for Cotte on February 18th loaded with \$3,513 gallons of crude petroleum, valued at \$72,867. As the vessel arrived at its destination on March 22nd, it is believed here that all of her cargo had been discharged, and that the explosion was caused by a light coming in contact with fumes of the oil remaining in the tanks.

Interest is intense in the Marathon Derby. Latest New York Betting on Event—St. Yves Is Unknown Quantity.

### DENIES DIVORCE SUIT.

New York, April 1.—Princess Engalitcheff, wife of Prince Nicholas Engalitcheff, of Russia, and daughter of T. W. Partridge, of Chicago, on arriving in this city to-day denied reports that she was going to Chicago to bring divorce proceedings. The Princess said: "You can deny this report. There is absolutely no truth in it." Princess Engalitcheff was accompanied by her son.

### BUFFALO PLUMBERS STRIKE.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 1.—Two hundred and fifty plumbers struck here to-day. They demand an increase in wages from \$3.50 to \$4 a day, and the adoption of a number of shop rules.

### ZEPPELIN HAS PERILOUS TRIP

#### AIRSHIPS AS PLAY-THING OF VIOLENT STORM

#### Cavalry Squadrons Follow Direction of Balloon Driven Helplessly Before Gale.

Din-Golting, April 1.—The Zeppelin airship landed safely near here at 3 o'clock this afternoon after having been eleven hours in the air. During part of this time the circumstances of the journey were perilous. The rear motor refused to work and the forward motor alone could not develop sufficient strength to drive the airship against the high wind. Several anxious hours were spent by the aeronauts before an opportunity offered to make a safe and successful landing.

Out of Control. Munich, April 1.—The Zeppelin airship, with the Count himself on board, is being swept helplessly over the country. She is out of control and drifting with no hope of being able to make headway against the increasing wind. The wind is too high to attempt a landing.

Soldiers in swift autos are racing over the country after the vessel in order to be ready to land it should a descent be attempted and several squadrons of heavy cavalry have been ordered out, and are galloping down the roads to the landing.

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Mr. Strrett was severely burned and other members also of the family were burned. They escaped by jumping from the windows into a snow bank.

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SHOWS LONDONERS HOW JOE—"And now, gentlemen, to illustrate how simple it all is, let me show you what is really wanted to consolidate the Empire."

A reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada will result in cementing still more strongly, if that is possible, the bonds between Canada and the Mother Country.—Joseph Martin, in the London Chronicle.

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Ottawa, April 1.—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. C. J. Doherty, of Montreal, introduced a resolution on a motion to go into supply on the marine estimates that the report of the Cassels' commission sustain the charges of official negligence and wastefulness, and made it necessary that a thorough investigation should be held by a competent commission into the working of the government.

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St. John's, Nfld., April 1.—The stormiest session of the legislature on record closed after two hours' sitting on Tuesday afternoon. Governor Macgregor declared the legislature open and then instructed the assembly to elect a speaker. Premier Morris proposed Mr. Warren, and Sir Robert Bond proposed Mr. Ellis. Warren withdrew and Ellis followed suit. After questions of procedure had been argued, Warren was again nominated, and then Ellis. A vote was taken and resulted in 18 votes for each.

### GREEK CABINET RESIGNS AS PROTEST

Athen, April 1.—The Greek cabinet, of which G. N. Theotokis was premier, has resigned in protest against the action of the King, who received a deputation of citizens contrary to the government's wish. The deputation sought the dismissal of the director of customs on account of irregularities in the custom service.

### TOWN DEVASTATED BY FIRE; \$500,000 DAMAGE

Santiago, April 1.—The little town of Lamaya, 20 miles north of this city, was practically destroyed by fire to-day. So far as is known no lives were lost. The loss is placed at more than \$500,000.

### 300,000 FIRE.

Montreal, Que., April 1.—Damage to the extent of \$300,000 was done to the plant of the Consolidated Lithographing Union Card and Paper Company, Perrethien street, by fire yesterday.

### EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS CELEBRATED

MINERS SUSPEND WORK IN ANTHRACITE REGION

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—Mining operations were suspended to-day throughout the hard coal districts of Pennsylvania because the mine workers are celebrating the anniversary of the granting of the eight-hour day in the soft coal regions of the state. Although the operators had expressed a desire to work to-day, and in some instances the colliery whistles had blown as usual, yet few reported, and no attempt at mining was made.

### NEW ATLANTIC WIRELESS RECORD

Port Morien, C. B., in Communication With Eiffel Tower—Distance 3,000 Miles.

Halifax, N. S., April 1.—Within the last few days a new record has been made by the Marconi wireless telegraph station. It is stated that the Port Morien, C. B., station has on several occasions been in communication with the Eiffel tower, Paris, France. The distance is considerably over 3,000 miles. Previous to this the best record was between Port Morien and Clifden, Ireland, a distance of 2,000 miles.

### WIRELESS BETWEEN CAPITALS.

Berlin, April 1.—A German wireless telegraph company has succeeded in establishing wireless communication between Berlin and Vienna with two light portable field outfits. Emperor Franz Joseph has sent a message of congratulation on the achievement.

### BODY OF MURDERED SCIENTIST IS RECOVERED

Manila, April 1.—A telegram from the constabulary at Echague reports that the body of Dr. W. Jones, the noted anthropologist of the Columbian museum at Chicago, who was murdered by tribesmen, was taken to-day by friendly Igorots. The murder was committed about fifty miles south of Echague, where Dr. Jones was engaged in studying the wild hill tribes, living among them for the purpose of preparing exhaustive reports of their customs and traditions. His servant was wounded, but escaped saving the scientist's revolver. The attack occurred on Sunday, but its cause has not yet been learned.

### PREDICTS RECORD INFLUX OF AMERICAN SETTLERS

Immigration Commis'r. Walker's Estimate for This Year Is 70,000.

Winnipeg, Man., April 1.—"Seventy thousand American settlers will come to Canada this year," said Commissioner Walker, of the Immigration department yesterday. "They will settle in twenty-one thousand homesteads, an increase of one hundred per cent. over last year."

### GERMAN NAVY.

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### COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN.

London, April 1.—The Countess of Aberdeen sails for Canada in May in connection with the meeting of the international council of women, of which she is president.

### PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOODS.

Toronto, Ont., April 1.—At a meeting yesterday of representatives of brotherhoods and other men's societies and organizations of the Presbyterian church in Canada, it was decided that it would be in the interest of the church and its work if all should be affiliated with one central body, while retaining their autonomy. A resolution to this effect was passed, and a meeting will be held later in the week to take final action.

### HIGHER SALARY FOR ALDERMEN

#### OFFICIALS TOO WILL ALL GET INCREASES

#### Members of Council to Get Remuneration Authorized in 1901.

A general increase in salaries, from the mayor and aldermen down, is one of the features of the civic estimates now under consideration. It is understood that the mayor's remuneration is to be made \$2,000 a year, and that of the aldermen \$400 a year each. All the civic heads of departments are to receive an increase in their salaries, it is said.

In every case the reason assigned is the greater amount of work which is entailed on members of council and officials by the growth of the city and the important works which have been undertaken and are now under way. The executive duties are becoming so heavy that it is likely the election of a board of control will be proposed before the year is out.

The council increases are not new. Early in 1901 a by-law was passed which fixed the remuneration of mayor and aldermen at the figures above mentioned, but owing to financial stringency this was not carried into effect, and the salaries have remained for some years at \$1,700 for the mayor and \$370 each for the aldermen.

The increases to officials are not very large in any case, it is said, and the new salaries will not be excessive for the duties now falling on the officials. Since the reduction of 10 per cent. made a few years ago there has been from time to time as the financial conditions improved demands by the members of the various branches of the city service for increases. These have been granted, and long ago the most of the officials were well restored to their former position with respect to salaries.

The last one, it is said, to receive recognition was W. W. Northcott, city assessor, who performs a number of other important duties, and who is recognized by succeeding councils as one of the most efficient officers in the service. Mr. Northcott has never pressed for an increase upon the members of the council, which doubtless is the reason why he failed to get it. It was not until last year that it was decided to increase his salary. This year he will probably receive another increase bringing his remuneration up to \$150 a month.

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### P. BURNS BUYS LOCAL BUSINESS

#### PORTER & SONS HAVE SOLD MEAT STORES

#### Present Management Will Remain in Charge—Extensive Improvements Planned.

R. Porter & Sons have sold their meat business to P. Burns & Co. Two days ago the Times announced that the change was likely to take place. Last evening the representatives of P. Burns & Co. concluded the negotiations for the taking over of the business. D. Burns, a brother of Pat Burns, the head of the purchasing company; E. Wilson and J. P. Howell, all connected with P. Burns & Co., are still in the city making the necessary arrangements for additions to the stores. The purchase includes the whole business in the meat line carried on by Porter & Sons in Victoria and Vancouver. The purchase price was about \$300,000.

The change in the business is reciprocally advantageous to both parties to it. Victoria business life likewise will not lose the Porter Bros., who are to continue in charge of the stores in this city as in the past.

With two stores in Victoria and two in Vancouver, Porter & Sons found themselves in the position of having to go to a large capital expense in order to bring about the changes which were found necessary to meet the increasing demands.

A modern abattoir was necessary and cold storage accommodation. Taken all together about \$150,000 of an expenditure was under contemplation.

On the other hand P. Burns & Co., with an immense business extending from the prairies to the Pacific coast, and with an abattoir and cold storage equipment second to none in Canada, established in Vancouver, were in a position to handle an increased retail business in Vancouver and take care of the Victoria business without much additional expense. Negotiations were accordingly entered into resulting in the purchase of the entire meat business of Porter & Sons by P. Burns & Co.

With the change of the business there will be some important changes made in the local stores. The bulk of the meat will be shipped to Victoria from the Vancouver abattoir. By sending it here by carload lots in cold storage, rather than by shipping the live animals over to be slaughtered, the heavy expense involved in erecting a place for killing will be overcome. Only the local trade in the live stock will be handled here in order to meet the requirements of cold storage quarters which will be fitted up at the two local stores. The equipment of the stores will also be made more modern throughout, and glass refrigerators and counters added.

Mr. Burns and his associates, speaking of the change, express great satisfaction at the fact that Porter Bros. are to remain in charge of the stores. Mr. Burns recognizes that they have built up a very lucrative business in the city and are popular. They know the local conditions and will be of the greatest advantage to the new firm, as they have been to the business which they formerly controlled. Robert Porter, Jr., the eldest son, will be in charge in Victoria.

P. Burns & Co. have 11 branches in Vancouver, in addition to the two now taken over. With immense packing houses in Calgary and in Vancouver, and branch business in every part of Alberta, B. C. and the Yukon, the company is not by any means a new one.

Robert Porter, sr., has for a number of years not been actively engaged in the business. The conduct of it was left in the hands of the five sons—Robert Porter, jr., Henry, Charles, Frederick and George. Charles and Fred have been in charge of the stores. It is about 35 years ago since the father opened up in the meat business here. With the development of trade the business was extended, the sons in turn taking the heavy share in the responsibilities. Fortunately by the change in ownership the members of the old firm all remain in the city to continue in charge of the business.

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### DRIBE

of friends to pay their the memory of the depar. Campbell conducted assisted by Rev. Dr. Reid. were: Robert Ward, Wm. Brown, R. Drake, E. J. Blaquiere.

al Scots company will Victoria theatre on Fri- under the patronage of the Society. The occasion first appearance of this storia, who are now old, included in the com- Hamilton, the golden whom Scotland acclaims son in the music world, ant, and Fred Barclay. wn Scottish comedian. throughout the States ed by numerous re- second tour, which will next season. The sale on Wednesday, March

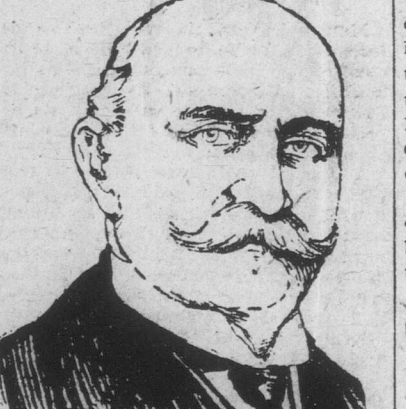
in charge of the sale ties to be held on April ence of Mrs. G. A. Mac- wood avenue, in aid of the Aged and Infirm at all who are desirous of something dainty and en- Easter gifts will want the above named date. in charge feels sure- strons will be fully sat- purchase, at the same a worthy cause.

noon the remains of Neville Woodard, of racks, were laid to rest cemetery, Esquimaux, as a military one, the a member of the Royal peers. The firing party in the Royal Canadian the pallbearers were own company. The gun which the casket was red with floral tributes of the barracks and service. Rev. C. E. ed the services.

Gold & Johnston, which known as the Vancou- Co., are preparing to market a new brand of own as the V. L. repre- of Vancouver Island. bel is to be an ex- posed in gold with the cross the face. These in all parts of the sh Columbia, and nooked at with interest, the public of Van- is the intention of the nently establish this to be something new in al manufacture, being e famous Panetella.

### COPYING AMERICAN METHODS.

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COUNT ZEPPELIN.

the northeastward for the same purpose. The airship left Friedrichshafen early this morning, and five hours later appeared in the air over the outskirts of Munich. A distance of 111 miles was covered in five hours. The Count left Friedrichshafen with the intention of trying to land here in the (Concluded on page 5.)

### BIG MONTE CARLO MOTOR BOAT RACE

Six Countries Will Be Represented in the 101 Entries.

Monte Carlo, April 1.—The international auto boat exposition was opened yesterday by the Prince of Monaco. The races will begin Saturday. Six countries will be represented, and there are 101 entries. As there will not be any big automobile road race this year, these contests will afford the best test for explosive motors. Americans are participating for the first time with Dix II, and Standard.

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